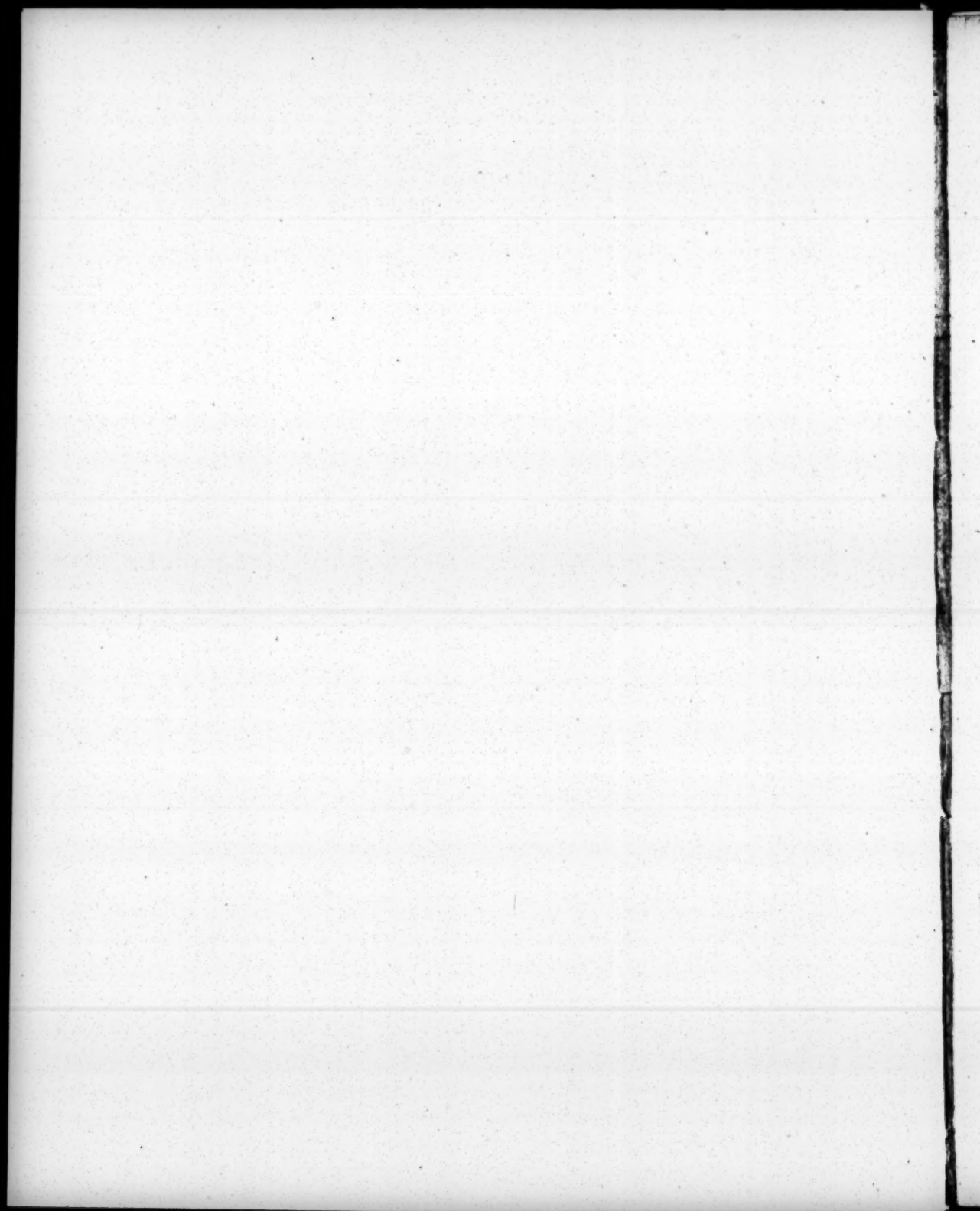


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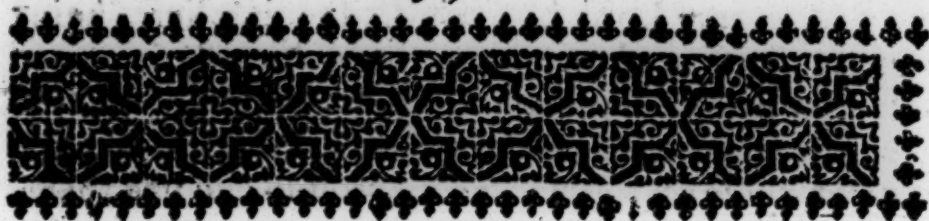
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the House of Commons.

SIR,



Our constant friendship ingages me to give you some account of our proceedings of late in this Province, we have kept the field ever since *Midsummer*, in pursuit of the Rebels, and not being able to draw them to an encounter, which my Lord President designed, we took divers Castles in the County of *Lymrick*, and his Lordship placed competent Wards in two of them, viz. *Ballingarry* and *Castlematras*, and destroyed the rest. Soone after this, his Lordship withdrew into the County of *Corke*, in expectation to ingage the Rebels Army before them, which hapned accordingly, for that the Rebels laid seidge to *Ballingarry* Whereupon my Lord President marched with all possible speed to the reliefe of the place, but he that had the command of the Castle gave it up upon a summons, within the time

prefixed by my Lord, by his letter for his reliefe, being no way necessitated thereunto, for which he is now in question. Being disappointed of our engagement: expected with the Army of the Rebels, the L. President march'd towards those parts where he was most like to find them. He first met with an entire company commanded by Capt. *Den*, of whom he slew 23. and took the Captaine, Lieutenant, Ensigne, and 27. common Soldiers Prisoners, with 80. faire Armes.

From hence his Lordship ordered his march towards the Rebels, neer the River of *Shanon*, upon the River of *Moylkerne*, 4. or 5. miles above *Lymrick*, wherewith 1300. Horse, and 2000. foot, expecting the rest of their Army, the Rebels intended to secure themselves from fighting with us, untill they could get an advantage, that Country being a very fast Country by reason of great Rivers, Woods and, Bogs.

After 3. houres dispute we gained the passe with Gods assistance, on the third day of this month, and having beaten of and routed their forces, pursued them as farre as we could, kild 100. upon the place, wounded many, whereof some are since dead, took 200. serviceable Horses, their Riders forsaking them, and kild and wounded many others, who at the first pressed hard upon our foot, here we got 200. Cewes about the Lord *Bourck* of *Castleconels*, and Sir *Edmond Wallshes*. That night we marched to *New Castle*, a Garrison of the Rebels, within half a mile of the City of *Lymrick*, which was surrendred upon summons, and quarter only for their lives, upon relation of the defeat given to their Army. And here we rested the remainder of that night, Some of our troops pursued the Rebels over the River
of

Shanon, (which is very seldome passable thereabouts) into the County of *Clare* or *Thomond*,, whither most of the Cattle about *Lymrick* (on this side) were driven over *Lymerick bridge*. The Lord President secured the sick and wounded Soldiers, with the baggage & carriages with a good guard at another Castle lately taken in, and marched with the Army homewards 2, or 3. miles, and in the evening faced about and commanded a party of 600. Musqueteers, and as many Horse to march away and passe the River, and drew up the rest of the Army presently after to secure them, against any attempt.

The party that got over were disposed into several divisions and commanded severall wayes under those Officers that best knew the Country, Leivtenant *Mathew Consideen* commanded one division towards *Killallow*, and having taken a prisoner in his march, hee (to save his life) discovreed where some Officers of quality were, upon the Lord Presidents Land called *Bryens Bridge* in *Thomond*, 6 myles from *Lymrick* wherupon he desisted from seeking after his prey, and early in the morning surrounded the place where they were, some of the Officers made shift to get on horse back, but finding no possibility of escaping, submitted themselves; Among those Officers was a brother of the Lord Presidents, a Leivtenant Colonell of horse who being in *France* at the beginning of the Rebellion, was thence inveigl'd by the Rebels for their assistance; and his Lordship desires to send him to the Parliament, the rest of the party gained a prey of 8000 head of Cattell and at least 5000 sheepe (the most part of them upon the Lands belonging to *Bryens bridge*,) with good plunder. The sheepe could not passe the River, and many of the Cattell by reason
of

of the Woods thereabout, and their wildnesse by the losse of their Calves got away, but our Soldiers feasted themselves thereabouts, and brought away to our Garrisons neer two thousand head of Cattell, which is a great reliefe unto them, our unexpected getting over the *Shannon* strook such a terror into the Rebels of *Thomond*, that they burnt the Earle of *Thomond's* Castle of *Bunratty*, which they had garrison'd.

The Lord President with the Army is now returned for a few dayes to refresh the Soldiers, who are generally barefoot and extreame naked, and he intends to march presently out againe towards the County of *Tipperary*, and the borders of *Lemster*, whereof Col. *Jones* hath the command, which is conceived to be of much more advantage to the service then any other course, as well in spoyling the enemies quarters, as in diverting *Prestons* forces, which we heare are very strong in those parts towards *Dublin*.

In this six weekes abiding in the field, the Soldiers had but six pound of bisquet and one pound of cheefe for every Soldier that marched, but have made shift to live on what could be got in the Rebells quarters, where what we could not save, the Lo: President caused to bee burned, with many good Castles and all houses generally; (especially for some myles about the City *Lymrick*) to their great losse and dammage, computed by us at 80000 pound at the least, whereby they are much disabled from raising and supporting an Army, which they can very hardly make, unlesse they can procure *Owen Roe Neale* to come to their assistance, which they give out they have obtain'd, supposing *Preston* wil be able to answer all occasions in *Lemster* and *Visster*, and the Conaught Rebells to

to defend themselves, they are to have a consultation shortly at *Cashell* (as we heare) about this affaire, which my Lord president is resolved to use all dilligence to interrupt, In the meane time the forces in the Garrisons of *Dungarvon*, and *Cappagwin* with *Lismore & Tallow* which we gained in *May* last have marched under *Leiv. Col. Michael Byrne* into *Butlers Country* in *Typerary* by order of the Lord President to make a diversion, and taken the Lord of *Cahers Castle* called *Grace Castle*; stormed it, put the rogues to the sword & got a good prey of 1800 head of Cattell and Garrans or Horses with some store of sheepe and though many of them were lost and Embeziled, they brought home the most part of them to their Garisons with some good plunder, I cannot omit to acquaint you, in the County of *Lymrick*, we stormed & burned the Abby of *Adare* held by the Rebels where four friers were burned and three taken Prisoners, and also the Garrison of *Owney* belonging to the heires of *Sr. Edmond Walsh*, with a Castle belonging to one *Mr. Fox* where all that were within suffered death, save *Fox* himselfe, who was let down by a rope from the Battlements, who is kept prisoner, and one desperate Rogue who leapt from the battlements, (which few would have attempted) hoping to make an escape, but was Knocked on the head by our Soldiers: Thus God hath blessed us exceedingly in the field service, and had my Lord some more foote, with some money to encourage the Soldiers, and carriages which are extreamely wanting, and clothes and shooes, for the Souldiers, who are many of them almost naked, he would doubtlesse give the Parliament an account of this province beyond their expectation before this Winter passe,

no man can do more then he doth, with the meanes he has, should he take any great and considerable Towns, it will require so many men to Garrison them, that our forces remaining, would not be sufficient to keep us masters of the field, & they are such and so built, and lying on such Rivers that they ought to be kept when they are taken for the good of the service; and cannot easily be demolisht, if we would, and therefore we hope God wil put it into the hearts of the parliament, to send over some necessary supplies speedily to encourage us to proceed in the finishing of their work here, which no man can with more valour vigilance and fidelity intend, nor with more satisfaction to the whole Army then the Lord President doth, who it hath pleas'd the Lord to make a happy instrument in this service. I crave your pardon for being thus prolix, and yet I have many things to acquaint you with, that all true English men that are lovers of their Country cannot be but well satisfied to heare seeing God workes so graciously for them, against these barbarous Rebells even when they can least attend it.

*Dated at Cork the
12. of August 1647.*

Prisoners taken.

Lieutenant Col. Christopher Bryen.

Adjutant Generall Mac. Grath.

Captain Bryen, Mac. Bryen & Arra his sonne.

Lieutenant Tirrelagh Bryen.

Captain Harbert.

Captain Fox.

Lieutenant Colonelle O'Callaghan.

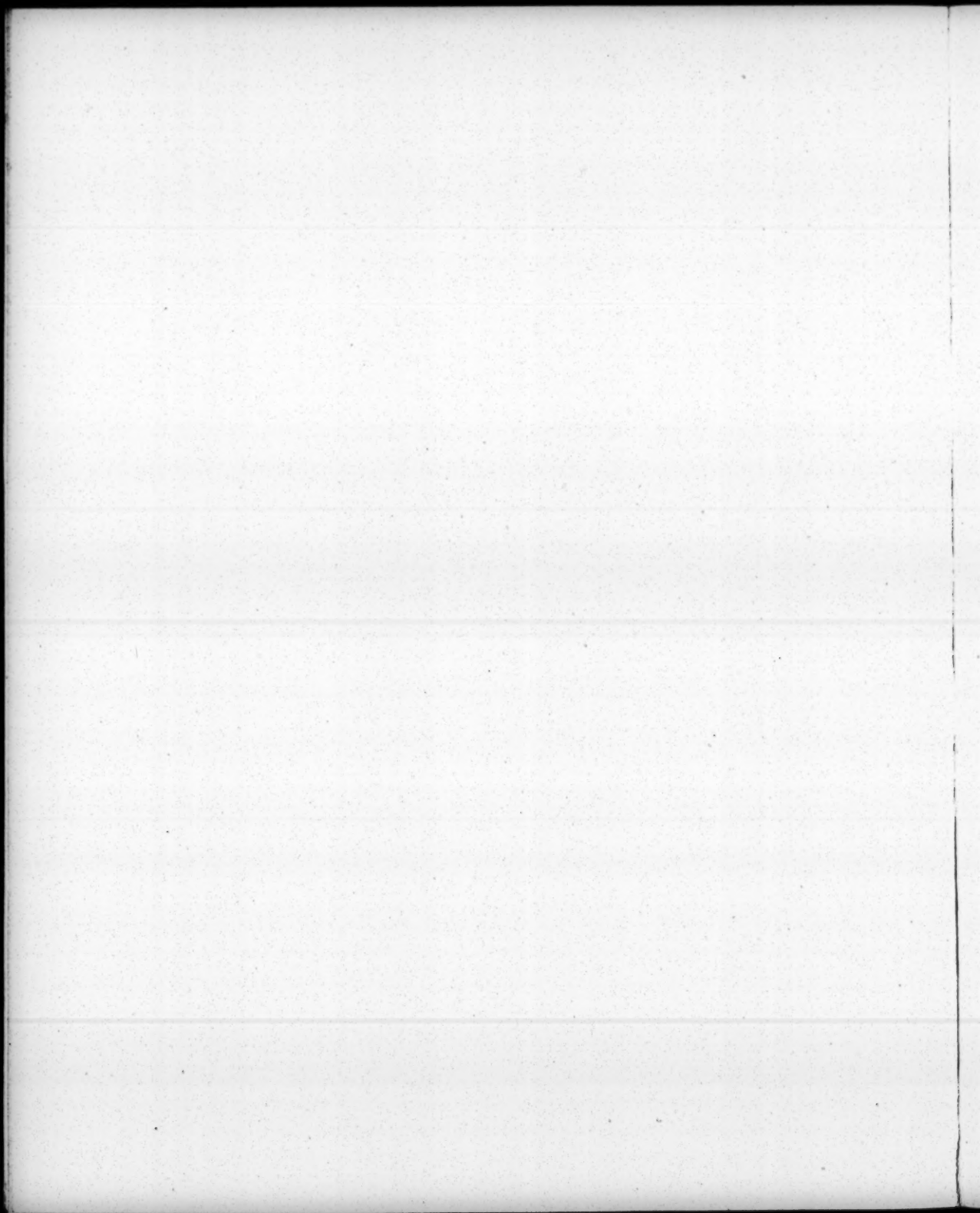
Lieutenant Bawke.

Captaine Mac. Grath taken but dyed of his wounds.

Lieut. Col. Ryan slain and divers others of quality whose number or names are not yet knowne.

Amongst the rest I may not omit the Lord of Muskerys, page, who was taken with his Lords cloake in the pursuit.

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